

State Parks and Reservoirs Campground Host Summaries and Availability As of March 1, 2013

If you have an interest in serving as a campground host, the best time to call your favorite property and ask for information is between November 1 – March 1. By early spring, most host schedules are full. There are, however, some vacancies remaining for the 2013 camping season. You can read about the responsibilities of hosts at each location and see where openings still exist by reading through the list below.

Thanks for your interest in Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs Campground Host program!

Brookville/Whitewater Complex (765/647-2657)

Brookville, IN

Number of Host Sites: Four (One site at each Quakertown and Whitewater, and two sites at Mounds)

Duties: Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash in area. Clean out fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host" for area. Assist management as needed with campground registration.

Status for 2013: Mounds SRA and Quakertown SRA Campground Host positions are currently filled, however we are still accepting applications in the event of unforeseen schedule changes and future seasons. Whitewater Memorial SP is still accepting applications for July, August, and September as well as for unforeseen schedule changes and future seasons.

Brown County State Park (812/988-6406)

Nashville, IN

Number of Sites: One VIP in Horseman's camp and one in family camp; no campground host

Duties: Painting and other simple maintenance tasks, staff the Nature/Interpretive Center, maintain flower beds throughout park, direct traffic at our campground registration booth, and clean rest rooms.

Status for 2013: VIP campsites are occupied for summer, excepting applications for future.

Chain O'Lakes State Park (260/636-2654)

Albion, IN

Number of Host sites: Two

Length of Stay: 30-60 days, depending on the season

Duties: Typical duties are traffic control on Friday evenings and Saturday, provide toilet paper at comfort stations, clean up messes after hours, assist campers in need of help, help missing or lost children reunite with parents, deliver non-emergency messages and act as sounding board for camper comments, questions, and concerns. Volunteer one day per week at the Nature Center, in coordination with the Seasonal Naturalist.

Status for 2013: Slots are still available for recreation season.

Charlestown State Park (812/256-5600)

Charlestown, IN

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: Variable

Duties: Light restroom checking and cleaning, provide info to arrivals, assist camper registration, litter pick up, act as "information site" where campers can stop and ask questions.

Status for 2013: Host positions filled for season.

Clifty Falls State Park (812/273-8885)

Madison, IN**Number of Host Sites:** One**Length of stay:** 30 days minimum with extensions possible April - November.**Duties:** Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash in area. Clean out fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host" for area. Assist management as needed with campground registration.**Status for 2013:** No additional assistance requested. We welcome applications for future opportunities.**Falls of the Ohio State Park (812/280-9970)****Clarkville, IN**

No campground on site; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Fort Harrison State Park (317/591-0904)**Indianapolis, IN**

No campground on site; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Hardy Lake (812/794-3800)**Scottsburg, IN****Number of Hosts:** Two**Length of Stay:** One month with extensions possible from April 1- December 1.**Duties:** Clean out fire rings, move tables for the mowing crew, restroom care, help with the raptor rehab center, help out with programs and boat tours, assist our staff in our gate houses as well as the office, help the security patrolman when needed, assist staff as needed in repairs and maintenances of the property, collect fees in campgrounds when gate is not open, act as our campground ambassadors and other duties as assigned.**Status for 2013:** Hosts spots available.**Harmonie State Park (812/682-4821)****New Harmony, IN****Number of Host Sites:** Two**Length of Stay:** Minimum of two weeks maximum of 4 weeks for Campground Hosts.**Duties:** Our hosts and VIP's are required to be goodwill ambassador acting as an "information site" where campers can stop and ask questions, report camping infractions to security personnel, and assist with traffic control on weekends at the gate. They do various maintenance tasks in the campground such as litter pickup, clean the comfort stations, clean trash out of the fire rings, and assist with staffing the nature/interpretive center. They will assist with special events and other special projects around the park.**Status for 2013:** Campground Hosts spots are available; however, all of the VIP spots have been filled.**Indiana Dunes State Park (219/926-1952)****Chesterton, IN****Number of Host Sites:** One**Length of Stay:** One month, time extensions possible. Require 20 hours/week for the VIP site for the first person and 10 hours for each additional. (i.e. a married couple would be required to work 30 totals hours/week)**Duties:** At a minimum, clean out the fire rings once a week and be available in the campground on Friday and Saturday from 4pm-9pm. Other duties assigned as needed.**Status for 2013:** Season filled, April open.

Lieber SRA (Cagles Mill Lake) (765/795-4576)

Cloverdale, IN

Number of Host Sites: Two (one Campground Host and one VIP)

Length of Stay: Campground Hosts may stay for one month. VIPs may stay seasonally.

Duties: Litter pickup, take/deliver messages, housekeeping, provide security, clean fire rings, make minor electrical repairs, traffic control, volunteer and staff nature center, assist with special events, and other duties as assigned.

Status for 2013: Hosts selected for 2013. VIP selected for 2013.

Lincoln State Park (812/937-4710)

Lincoln City, IN

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: Minimum of two weeks, extensions possible

Duties: Pick up trash, replenish toilet paper in comfort stations, help with traffic, run messages, campsite occupancy checks, sell firewood when campstore is closed, assist at nature center, other duties as assigned.

Status for 2013: One position available for various periods during 2013.

McCormick's Creek State Park (812/829-2235)

Spencer, IN

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: One month required

Duties: General light labor and cleaning in the campground.

Status for 2013: Looking for hosts in May, June, August for Campground, B-loop and in October for Campground, A-loop. Waiting list available.

Mississinewa Reservoir (765/473-6528)

Peru, IN

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1-2 months depending on quality of work and applicants

Duties: Provide informal security in the campground (be eyes and ears!). Make sure restrooms are kept clean and toilet paper rolls filled. Keep litter picked up. Provide information to the general public. Assist and help employees when requested. Sometimes assist with special projects.

Status for 2013: Hosts selected for 2013; waiting list available.

Monroe Reservoir (812-837-9546)

Bloomington, IN

No campground host program available; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Mounds State Park (765/642-6627)

Anderson, IN

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: 1 - 6 months

Duties: Provide information to campers, and relate their concerns to property staff. Assist with severe weather procedures, site electrical troubleshooting, and collect firewood left by campers. Check restrooms and vault toilet throughout day; provide mild cleaning and alert staff if repairs are required. Provide litter pickup in campground, clear fire rings, sell firewood and ice when campstore is closed. Collect registration fees in absence of a patrolman or when campground control station is closed.

Status for 2013: Positions filled for 2013.

O'Bannon Woods State Park (812/738-8232)

Corydon, IN

Number of Host Sites: 10 - Class A Campground, 2 - Horseman's Hideaway (Primitive)

Length of Stay: April-October, 2 weekends a month (Thur, Fri, & Sat) and 3 out of the 4 holiday weekends. (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, & Halloween)

Duties: Our hosts are the eyes and ears of OBWSP campgrounds, as well as representatives of IDNR & our park. Hosts communicate concerns and issues of campers directly to management. Primarily responsibility include ensuring cleanliness of comfort stations, assisting at gatehouse during peak times, helping patrons with campsite locations, picking up litter in the park and campground, cleaning out of fire rings, helping DNR staff on light maintenance projects, and promoting special events and interpretive programs at the Nature Center.

Status for 2013: Accepting applications

Ouabache State Park (260-824-0926)

Bluffton, IN

Number of Host Sites: One full-hookup (water/sewage) site

Length of Stay Required: One Month

Duties: One responsibility will be to assist with the sale of firewood and collect wood fees. Host must be familiar with the Division's EAB policy in order to answer questions and support the policy intent. Other duties include, but are not limited to: campground information and assistance, routine checking of modern restrooms, litter pickup, checking and cleaning firerings, and other light maintenance duties as may be completed.

Status for 2013: Hosts have been selected

Patoka Lake (812/685-2447)

Birdseye, IN

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: 2-4 weeks

Duties: Campground hosts will assist with light maintenance work throughout property as needed. Responsible for cleaning restrooms and filling toilet paper. Work closely with DNR staff and report issues to staff. Hosts will close electric boxes and pick up trash in fire rings, campsites, and around the property. Check to ensure fires are put out after campers leave. Notify campers of severe weather procedures and alert them as storms approach. Other duties include promoting interpretive programs, updating information on campground bulletin boards, hosting the Visitor Center, assisting with interpretive programs and special events, and assisting gatehouse staff with increased traffic flow and registration needs.

Status for 2013: Host spots available.

Pokagon State Park (260/833-2012)

Angola, IN

No campground host program available. Volunteers are accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Potato Creek State Park (574/656-8186)

North Liberty, IN

Number of Host Sites: Two (one in the family campground; one in horse campground)

Length of Stay: One month

Family Campground Duties: Service comfort stations (replacing toilet paper and cleaning up minor messes), assist campground attendants on Friday evenings, be visible and approachable to campers, pull site cards, pick up trash, host Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week. No weekend hosting only permitted.

Family Campground Status for 2013: As of March 1 there are openings for April, May, June and October

Horseman's Campground Duties: Service comfort station (replacing toilet paper and cleaning up minor messes), assist campground attendants on Friday evenings, be visible and approachable to campers, pull site cards, pick up trash, host Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week. Weekend hosting only is also available

Horseman's Campground Status for 2013: Openings in horseman's campground for May - October. Weekend hosting only is also available

Prophetstown State Park (765/567-4919)

West Lafayette, IN

Length of stay: One month to variable

Duties: Traffic control and assisting campers. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays mandatory. Sell Firewood at site. Spot check comfort stations for cleanliness and supplies. Pick up trash in campground area. Be a model camper. Work with Security to ensure all have a pleasant camping experience. Work with full-time naturalist assisting with programs, maintaining designated landscape beds, etc. Hosts will close electric boxes and pick up trash in fire rings and at sites as they are vacated. Check to ensure fires are put out after campers leave. Notify campers of severe weather procedures and alert them as storms approach.

Status for 2013: Accepting applications for the 2014 Camping Season

Raccoon/Mansfield (765/344-1412)

Rockville, IN

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: Variable; Two weeks to one month

Duties: Volunteers perform light maintenance work around Raccoon SRA and Historic Mansfield Roller Mill that may include cleaning campground comfort stations & restocking as needed after hours, assisting and educating visitors at the campground dumpsters, litter pickup, minor maintenance such as painting, electrical or plumbing, weeding & watering flowerbeds at Chapel Shelter and entrance/campground gates, delivering messages as requested by gate attendants, assisting interpretive naturalist in updating information on bulletin boards, presenting interpretive programming or mailing press releases and other duties as assigned.

Status for 2013: Hosts selected for 2013.

Salamonie Reservoir (260/468-2125)

Andrews, IN

Number of Host Sites: Two modern; one horsemen's

Length of Stay: One month

Duties: We ask them to check & clean the bathrooms early AM and later PM. They contact us if they find any serious problems in the bathrooms. They pass out info and are also our eyes and ears in the campground. We are going to ask them to pick up and burn any firewood left behind by campers that have checked out of the campground.

Status for 2013: All campground host positions are filled except the one in the horse campground. Host **must** be a horse rider. Availability is from May through October.

Shakamak State Park (812/665-2158)

Jasonville, IN

Number of Host Sites: One site

Length of stay: Month at a time or longer depending on demand.

Duties: Pick up trash, keep toilet paper in the bathrooms, provide campers with information and help campers as needed.

Status for 2013: Season filled

Spring Mill State Park (812/849-3534)

Mitchell, IN

Number of Host Sites: Two VIP sites

Length of Stay: 1 month minimum

Duties: Cleaning campsites and grills, serve as nature/interpretive center receptionist, assist campground gate on traffic control, clean shelters, etc. 22.5 hours per week, per person required. **To reserve a VIP site at Spring Mill State Park contact Coletta Prewitt. springmillstatepark@dnr.in.gov

Status for 2013: 1 site for April, June, July and September

Summit Lake State Park (765/766-5873)

New Castle, IN

Number of Host sites: One

Length of Stay: 2 weeks to 1 month

Duties: Host meets and greets the campers, helps with electric problems, promotes the interpretive naturalist programs; clean and stock restrooms; clean litter from campsites and grills when site is vacated. Hosts are trained to help notify campers during severe weather and fire season. Host is our “goodwill ambassador” in the campground – where campers can come for information and express their concerns when full time staff is not available. Availability on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays is mandatory.

Status for 2013: Still seeking hosts.

Tippecanoe River State Park (574-946-3213)

Winamac, IN

Number Host Sites: one

Length of Stay: 1 month

Duties: The campground host maintains open hours to sell firewood and ice from the campground host site. The host is required to run a cash register, sell mosquito repellent, and fill out accounting forms.

The camp host also answers questions for campers, check comfort stations, and do moderate cleaning, sweep pit toilets in the area, pick up trash and clean fire rings. Campground hosts may also rake leaves, paint signs, and give out information on weather, special events, and local attractions. The campground host will be visible, approachable, and report problems to park staff.

Status for 2013: 1 opening for August and October.

Turkey Run/Shades State Park Complex (765/597-2654)

Marshall, IN

Number of Host Sites: One at Turkey Run; none at Shades

Length of Stay: 1 month, 1 day off each week.

Duties: Welcome and assist campers, assist campground gate staff as requested, replenish toilet paper in campground restrooms, attend at least two interpretive programs and then visit individual campsites to promote interpretive programs to newly arrived campers, clean trash from fire rings. Hosts are also encouraged to help staff the nature center information desk, provide program and special event support, and help with other projects that fit host interests, skills and available time.

Status for 2013: Turkey Run still needs hosts in April, May and August

Versailles State Park (812/689-6424)

Versailles, IN

Number of Host sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1 to 6 months

Duties: Check comfort stations for cleanliness and toilet paper especially in the evening, pick up trash throughout campground, clean out trash from fire rings, provide information and be a good ambassador for campers.

Status for 2013: Host sites have been reserved for 2013.

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